

THE RAILROAD.

A great deal of conjecture is being indulged in concerning the recent developments in railroads and other industrial matters. It seems almost certain that the pulp mill will be located at Covington instead of Caldwell.

If the trouble at Hinton is all they fear there can be found enough men in the Greenbrier Valley who would willingly indemnify them against all loss which might be incurred by them from spiteful litigation developed in the town of Hinton.

With the pulp mill going into Virginia came rumors that a different route may be adopted for the Greenbrier Railway, but it is rather paradoxical to say that the Greenbrier Railway will be built up Jackson's River.

The records of this county show that the directors met and located the Greenbrier Railway on the banks of the Greenbrier River. This action was taken April 21, about the time the first hue and cry arose that the route was to be abandoned.

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On the Greenbrier route the purchasing of rights of way at big prices has been going on, as well as the condemnation proceedings in the courts of Greenbrier. In Pocahontas this week H. C. King, a Huntington lawyer, has been going over the route and making contracts for the right of way over lands which have not hitherto been secured.

When the engineering corps working in the Greenbrier Valley broke up last week, they discharged all hands who had not worked before this year. They sent a large party to Virginia and left four corps on the Greenbrier. Three resident engineers with their assistants were left on the three lower five mile sections and another was to go over and revise the work of 1898.

Lane Bros., the contractors, have a large force of men at Caldwell. They have been awarded the contract for the first five miles and

have cleared the trees from the right of way. This section was let in order that the pulp company could haul their freight to its location. With the location of their plant at Covington the cause for haste as to the completion of their section was removed, and this may account for their present inaction.

On the whole there seems to be no reason to believe that any changes have yet been determined on, whatever may be impending. The worst thing we have to fear is that with wire-working and juggling with the railway magnates we may fail to get any road.

NEW CONDITIONS.

The federal government is undergoing many changes and since 1896 those who observe the trend of events see signs of evolution that may either place us on a higher plane of civilization or destroy the government of which we boast. The state governments and the central or federal governments are drifting farther apart.

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THE RAMP.

At this season of the year in the open woods where the soil is very rich there is to be found a lily which we know as the ramp, to the use of which no little odium has been undeservedly attached. It is furnished by nature as an anti-scorbutic, and many a poor man whose blood is sluggish from the inaction of winter and the sameness of a diet of cornbread and no trimmings, has eaten some messes of ramps, peeled off, and felt like a new man.

The plant is broad-leaved with a succulent root which is eaten. It is a kind of wild a which it resembles probably more than the onion, another member of the lily family.

The ramp is most too heroic diet for delicate stomachs for after eating them raw with salt an inward fire is felt that is very disagreeable. Heart-burn is a mild affec-

tion compared to the warmth of a mess of ramps. If the ramp is par-boiled and fried it is more palatable. The breath of a person who has been eating ramps is not to be endured. When a family of eight or ten, who have occupied one room as their living, eating, cooking, and sleeping apartment all winter indulge in an unlimited quantity of ramps, the atmosphere of that family circle will float an egg.

Cattle are fond of eating the ramp, which as one of the earliest plants to spring in the woods is an important factor in supplying "range." It has a very beneficial effect on the animal. Milk-cows having eaten it give milk that can not be "bead." "Rampy milk" is the most repulsive substance known. The mind can not conceive anything more repugnant to the taste, and cows being very fond of the ramp, constant care must be exercised to keep them away from range where the ramp abounds.

One of the lowest down tricks one man can play another is to bring in a lot of ramps and feed them into his neighbor's cow. Then the owner of the cow will think that the faithful animal is diseased.

In spite of the fact that in some small minds ramps is a word of reproach, if the independent county of Pocahontas was called upon to choose a floral emblem the ramp would have to be considered. It only grows in the rich, loamy soil which produces our unexcelled bluegrass, and the ramps of Pocahontas deserve to be classed with the lilies of France, or the shamrock of Ireland.

SUCKER FISHING.

The sucker industry is being overdone on Williams River. That stream, after an unusual fall for that state until they in turn place themselves under the power of the state government. Such action is made necessary by the confidence seemingly shown them by the central government.

Warm, dry weather about the first of May causes these fish to leave the deep water and for several days a great procession of the finest of table fish pass over the ripples into the various retreats up stream. The stream is about the width of a turnpike and the bottom is literally paved with these fish. This year the fish appeared Sunday, April 30th, and a large number were taken that day; they continued to run Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, during which time the Laurel Creek section was glutted with fresh fish.

Thursday a dozen or so of Marlinton men came down on the fishing ground like wolves on the fold, but no suckers were to be found. There were signs of fishing. The lanks were tramped up as if a hundred men had been busy a week. The fish had either all passed up or been frightened back into the deep water.

This ground treated as private property would easily afford the owner a ton or two of fish each year, which in reach of a city market would bring as much per pound as brook trout, as they are considered by many as being even superior to that fish for table purposes.

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WILD LANDS.

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Formerly men owned large tracts of this land as an outlet and to control the land adjoining their farms, keeping away undesirable neighbors and the like. The land was assessed at a few cents an acre and the rate of taxation was also low. Then came the land buyer, and the land gradually grew to have a commercial value. The assessment was raised and while vast tracts have been sold still more has been held by the original owners. But what has been sold has fixed a price on the balance and carrying the land has grown very burdensome.

A few years ago a tract of land containing 110 acres was sold for taxes and bought by a citizen for \$5.19, who secured a tax title for it. He not valuing his bargain very high sold it to his brother for two sheep, worth probably ten dollars. Later on this purchaser was glad to unload a foreign land buyer for \$110. It did not take many years to do this.

The time cannot be far distant when this wild land must be made productive or else there will come a panic and men will find that instead of being able to count their mountain land as assets, it will have no commercial value.

With or without railroad development a change in the condition of existing things is impending for this section.

The Beef court's report did not please the President, and it was amended. The golden rule was not followed: "Regard others short-comings as you would have others regard your short-comings." There is a stern doctrine of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth which fills our prisons.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one medicine that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. GRISHAM, Gaars Mills, Louisiana.

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